

The Smithereens remember the music they grew up with. It takes about three seconds of listening to their latest *Blow Up* (Capitol) to realize that. They not only remember it but they love it, and that love makes every track of this album fresh and alive. We're not talking deep thoughts, we're talking three-chord rock 'n' roll that has no arty pretensions, electric guitars that don't beat you over the head, but make you wanna play and catchy songs that make you wanna get up and move around. The rockers rock and the ballads are pretty with songs like "Indigo Blues" having just the right amount of nastiness. Sometimes dumb, but always fun, The Smithereens know what rock 'n' roll is all about.

The Smithereens: Mon.-Tues., April 18-19 at 8 p.m., at the Chestnut Cabaret, 38th and Chestnut Sts., \$17, \$15 (adv.), 382-1201.

--Peter Brown